

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 9, 2008.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. STENY H. HOYER AND HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JULY 8, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 26, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STENY H. HOYER and the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 8, 2008.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5353

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 5353.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

LET REGULAR ORDER PREVAIL
ON AIR FORCE TANKER SELECTION

(Mr. BONNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, today one of our colleagues introduced the KC-X Recompete Act, and its message is clear: If the warfighter wants a new tanker to replace its aging fleet anytime soon, it has but one choice, the Boeing KC-767. This act would tell the warfighter to take the 767; take it or leave it, or face years of delay if you have to have a new competition.

Boeing's 767, mind you, is judged second best to the more capable, more

modern, Northrop aircraft, an aircraft that I am proud would be built in my home State of Alabama.

Yes, the GAO noted procedural errors in the source selection process, but it did not rule on the merits of these two aircraft. And there is no equivocation in terms of which plane the Air Force wants and desperately needs, the KC-45.

Some have tried to preempt regular order and take this decision away from the warfighter. Let's not preempt the voice of the men and women who will take this plane into harm's way. We owe them that much.

INVOLVE ALL IMPACTED BY MASS
TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to rise again today to again commend the Transportation Committee, the full committee Chair Mr. OBERSTAR and Ranking Member MICA on H.R. 6052. I wanted to discuss very briefly an amendment that I offered, part of which was included in the manager's amendment, and it has to do with promoting education, but as well to address the question of involving all of those impacted.

It reads that "public transportation stakeholders should engage local communities in the education and promotion of the importance of using public transportation in cities and counties, and in the planning, development and design of transportation routing lines."

This is particularly of interest to constituents in Houston as we build a new metro system. Today they broke ground in the east end. I congratulate them. But as we look to make sure that we are involving all of the participants, the stakeholders need to address the question of routing.

The only way that you will provide mass transit as a system for all the people is they must buy into it. We have a situation in Houston where we are looking to reroute from Wheeler, and I hope that this bill will get this understanding. Promote education of mass transit and get the stakeholders and communities to buy into it.

EXPRESSING PLEASURE THAT
THE USE-IT-OR-LOSE-IT BILL DID
NOT PASS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I am so pleased that the Democrats' use-it-or-lose-it bill did not pass this House this afternoon. We have been saying for weeks that this is a sham. Use-it-or-lose-it is already the law of the land. Thankfully, enough people here, including 19 Democrats, voted with almost all the Republicans to turn back this sham against the people of the country.

What we need to be doing is we need to be producing more oil and gas for the American people, bringing down the price of gas. The Democrats are trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the American people, and, thankfully, they are not going to be able to do that since this bill did not pass. They wouldn't put it in committee to let it be debated. They put it on the suspension calendar, and it failed.

The American people during this 4th of July work period need to tell their Members, we want you to fulfill the promises you made 2 years ago. Bring down the price of gas.

CONGRATULATING PLANO WOLVES

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the new high school baseball national championship team. It is from Plano West Senior High School. They are called the Wolves. Go Wolves.

Maxpreps.com ranked the Texas State champs, the Plano West Senior High School varsity baseball team, number one in the Nation on June 22.

Under head coach Kendall Clark, this year the Wolves played a perfect season, won the district title with 14 wins and won 28 straight in 2008. This is the first time since 1987 that Plano Independent School District has had a team crowned national champions, and this year marks the first time a baseball team in Plano has captured the prestigious national title.

Congratulations to the Wolves. We are proud of you. Your parents are proud of you, Plano is proud of you, and America is proud of you. I salute you. God bless you, God bless America.

I include the names of the players and coaches in the RECORD, and congratulate them one and all.

ALPHABETIZED ROSTER

Name	C	#	Position	Ht	Wt	Throws/bats
Chris Ard	Sr	17	P/C/I/F/O/F	5'8"	160	R/R
Barrett Beck	Jr	11	CF/P	5'8"	165	R/R
Andrew Blum	So	14	P/O/F	6'1"	175	R/R
Garrett Brown	Jr	18	P/O/F	5'11"	160	R/R
Tyler Bruce	Sr	4	C	5'11"	185	R/R
Jason Coats	Sr	15	OF	6'2"	190	R/R
Reed Dillard	Jr	1	C/I/F/O/F	5'10"	175	R/R
Ben Flora	Sr	5	P	5'11"	165	L/L
Ryan Ford	So	24	1B	6'3"	230	L/L